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### REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed the Examiner rejection of claims 1-8, 10-14 and 16-19 under 35 USC 102(e) in view of Lodwick (U.S. patent number 6,978,299). Applicant has the following comments.

#### Pending independent claims

Applicant included the following independent claims in the response submitted April 25, 2006, *emphasis added*.

1. A secure network resource access system for facilitating access to a network printer located behind a firewall, the secure network resource access system comprising:

a proxy server located logically outside the firewall for receiving printing data from a data source located outside the firewall, the proxy server having a queue for storing the received printing data, the printing data being associated with the network printer; and

*a polling server located logically behind the firewall, the polling server being configured for polling the proxy server to pull the received printing data across the firewall from the queue of the proxy server to the polling server.*

3. A method for facilitating secure access to a network printer located behind a firewall, the method comprising the steps of:

storing received printing data in a queue of a proxy server, the received printing data from a data source located outside the firewall and being associated with the network printer; and

*polling the proxy server located logically outside the firewall by a polling server located logically inside the firewall, the polling being configured to pull across the firewall the received printing data from the queue of the proxy server to the polling server.*

Applicant believes the above claims differentiate over the *valid* prior art cited thus far in prosecution of the present application, as further discussed below.

Grantges – (US pat no. 6,324,648)

In particular, Applicant notes the following Examiner statements concerning Grantges:

- 1) "Grantges disclosed a proxy server logically located outside a firewall of an enterprise network"; and
- 2) "Grantges disclosed an application gateway having therein a proxy server for receiving request messages originated from a client terminal in a public network and an enterprise server logically located behind the firewall of the enterprise network".

In view of the above, Applicant believes that the specification of Grantges neither teaches nor suggests the use of a polling server "for polling the proxy server to pull the received printing data across the firewall", as stated in independent claims 1 and 3 provided above. Applicant notes the Examiner also supports Applicant's view of Grantges, namely "Grantges substantially disclosed the invention as claimed. However, Grantges failed to teach a polling server located logically behind the firewall, the polling server being configured for polling the proxy server to pull the received printing data across the firewall".

Lodwick – (US pat no. 6,978,299)

Further, Applicant notes the following Examiner statement concerning Lodwick:

"However, as evidenced by the teachings of Lodwick above in the anticipation rejection, a polling server located logically behind the firewall, the polling server being configured for polling the proxy server to pull the received printing data across the firewall from the queue of the proxy server to the polling server was clearly disclosed". The Examiner provides specific teaching support for Lodwick

in column 5 - line 48 to column 6 line 39, Figure #1, as well as column 6 - lines 10-47.

However, Applicant has reviewed the patent of Lodwick and notes that Lodwick has a claim date of October 16, 2000, which is *after* Applicant's claim date of March 1, 2000 associated with Canadian Patent Application Number 2,299,824 (i.e. the priority document). Further, Applicant confirms the submission of a certified copy of the priority document on May 25, 2006, and acknowledgement of Applicants' claim for foreign priority under 35 USC 119 (a)-(d) for same by the USPTO on August 10, 2005.

Applicant believes that pending claims 1-8, 10-14 and 16-19 of the present application are properly supported by the priority document, which therefore *excludes* Lodwick as valid prior art against the presently pending claims, as further discussed below.

Canadian Patent Application Number 2,299,824

Applicant has reviewed the contents of the priority document and has the following comments.

1) Applicant notes the following passage on page 3, *emphasis added*,

"The secure network resource control method, according to an eighth aspect of invention, facilitates communication over a network between users of the network and *network resources located behind an enterprise firewall*, and comprises the steps of: *polling a proxy server located outside the enterprise firewall for requests for communication with the network resources*; receiving application data and associated network resource data from the proxy server in response to the polling step; and directing the application data to the network resources in accordance with the associated network resource data."

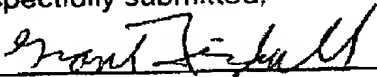
2) Applicant notes the following claim 3 on page 33, *emphasis added*,

"3. A network resource control system for allowing communication over a network between network users and *network resources located behind an enterprise firewall*, the network printing system comprising: a proxy server provided outside the enterprise firewall for receiving application data for printing; and *a polling server provided within the enterprise, the polling server being configured for polling the proxy server for initiating transmission of the received application data from the proxy server to the polling server.*"

Accordingly, Applicant believes the teaching of a polling server located within a firewall for polling a proxy server located outside the firewall is only taught and claimed by Applicant's application, having a valid claim date of March 1, 2000.

In view of the above discussion, Applicant believes that the 102(e) rejection in view of Lodwick is hereby overcome and requests a corresponding Notice of Allowance.

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